



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5536**

LCO No. 1282

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
REP. WITKOS, 17th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE AIRPORTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 13b of the general statutes be amended to provide the
- 2 following initiatives to preserve Connecticut's private airports: (1) The
- 3 state shall have the right of first refusal if an airport is threatened with
- 4 sale or closure, provided the airport remains an airport; (2) the
- 5 Commissioner of Transportation may acquire the development rights
- 6 of such airports, provided the airport remains a public airport; (3) the
- 7 state shall fund improvements to private airports, with budget and
- 8 priorities to be determined by the Department of Transportation; and
- 9 (4) the establishment of a new airport zoning category and the transfer
- 10 of control of airport development to the state.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To maintain Connecticut's aviation system and address increasing pressure on suburban residential development and other issues contained in the June 2006 Connecticut Statewide Airport System Plan.